

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein said needle has a cross-section other than circular.
3. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein said needle is provided with at least one longitudinally extending groove, indentation or notch.
4. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein said needle is provided with at least a longitudinally extending flat.
5. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein said cannula comprises a cross-section other than circular.
6. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein an inner cross-section of said cannula (1) is oval.
7. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein an inner cross-section of said cannula is provided with at least one longitudinal groove, indentation or notch extending to an end of said cannula.
8. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein an inner cross-section of said cannula is provided with at least one longitudinally extending flat.

9. (Withdrawn) The cannula/needle combination as set forth in claim 10, wherein said needle of said combination is configured as a non-hollow needle.

10. (Currently Amended) A cannula/needle combination for a catheter head for administering a fluid substance, comprising:

a needle comprising a substantially sharpened piercing end; and

a cannula surrounding the needle in a snug fit between an inner wall of the cannula and an outer wall of the needle; wherein

a clearance is configured between the inner wall of the cannula and the outer wall of the needle, the fluid substance communicated in the clearance, thereby delivering the fluid without the needle being necessarily hollow.

11. (Previously Presented) The cannula/needle combination of claim 10, wherein the needle has no opening.

12. (Previously Presented) The cannula/needle combination of claim 10, wherein the cannula/needle combination is in fluid communication with a catheter.

13. (Previously Presented) The cannula/needle combination of claim 10, wherein said communication of said fluid substance in the clearance comprises priming.

14. (New) The cannula/needle combination of claim 10, wherein the clearance extends substantially along the length of the needle.